

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Lynch syndrome, historically known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer

(HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, and other types of

cancers; and

WHEREAS: This predisposition to a litany of cancers extends across a lifetime and cancers may onset

at an early age —increased risks include up to 82% for colorectal cancer; up to 71% for endometrial cancer; up to 24% for ovarian cancer; up to 13% for gastric cancer, and up to

4-10% for urinary tract cancer; and

WHEREAS: Geneticist have projected that up to 1,000,000 persons throughout the United States are

living with Lynch syndrome; one in every 279 persons. Studies show that only 5-10% have been diagnosed, leaving up to 900,000 people more vulnerable to developing cancer

that goes undetected longer; and

WHEREAS: Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis, through genetic testing, can improve

cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer

detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS: It is important to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome and encourage all Minnesotans to

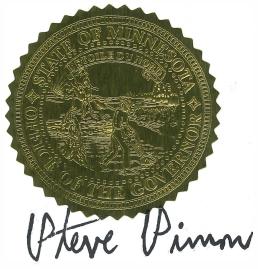
learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect information on their family history, and to consult with their healthcare providers in order to assess individuals' risks and

take steps toward prevention and detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as:

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE